

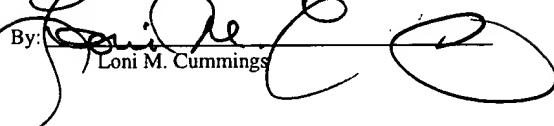
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BENJAMIN PLESS et al.	)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned	)	Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD	)	<b><u>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</u></b>
FOR ABLATING TISSUE	)	
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in this application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

  
Please cancel claims 26-30, 32, 35-39 and 64-114 and amend claims 31, 33 and 34 as  
follows:

*a1* 3. (Amended) The method of claim 1 [or 26], further comprising the step of:  
assessing the contact between the ablating device and the tissue structure.

*a2* 38. (Amended) The method of claim 1 [or 26], further comprising: